

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: McCarthy, *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 10/559,986  
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Title: POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ENCODING CYSTEINE PROTEASE FOR  
MODULATION OF COFFEE FLAVOUR PRECURSOR LEVELS IN GREEN  
COFFEE GRAINS (*as amended*)  
Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: Sheridan Swope  
Docket No.: 112701-667

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. No foreign patent documents and non-patent documents were cited.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted as follows:

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**Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

- ☒ The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ A copy of a Search Report from a corresponding foreign patent application is enclosed.
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- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180 to cover the required fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.
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